

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  RHYTHMS LINKS, INC.	DOCKET NOS. TCU-99-20 TF-99-283
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**ORDER CANCELLING CERTIFICATE  
AND APPROVING WITHDRAWAL OF TARIFFS**

(Issued December 14, 2001)

On August 19, 1999, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order approving the application of Rhythms Links, Inc. (Rhythms), to provide local exchange service in Iowa, identified as Docket No. TCU-99-20, and granting waivers. On December 7, 1999, the Board issued an order approving Rhythms' proposed tariff, identified as Docket No. TF-99-283, and granting waivers. A certificate of public convenience and necessity, identified as Certificate No. 0202, was issued to Rhythms concurrently with the December 7, 1999, order.

On November 30, 2001, Rhythms filed a request to cancel its existing certificate and withdraw its tariff. Rhythms states that it has filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy provisions, but it is now insolvent. Rhythms also states that on September 24, 2001, the FCC granted Rhythms permission to discontinue providing domestic telecommunications services throughout the country. In Iowa, Rhythms only provided digital subscriber line (DSL) services, not voice

services. Rhythms states that on August 10, 2001, it gave notice to all of its DSL customers of its intent to discontinue service.

The Board finds that the cancellation of the certificate and the withdrawal of the tariffs are reasonable since Rhythms has indicated it is now insolvent. If Rhythms decides to provide local exchange telecommunications service in Iowa in the future, it will be required to file another application.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. Rhythms Links, Inc.'s request to cancel its certificate of public convenience and necessity, Certificate No. 0221, filed November 30, 2001, is granted.

2. Rhythms Links, Inc.'s request to withdraw its tariff, identified as Docket NO. TF-99-283, is granted.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2001.